

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 420

Introduced by Assembly Member Salas

February 23, 2009

An act to add and repeal Article 1.6 (commencing with Section 123259) of Part 2 of Division 106 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to maternal health, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 420, as introduced, Salas. Maternal health.

Under existing law, the maternal and child health program includes provisions for pregnancy testing, perinatal health care, child health, and nutrition.

This bill would require the State Department of Public Health to conduct the Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders (PMAD) Community Awareness Campaign to increase awareness and provide education to pregnant women and new mothers on postpartum mood and anxiety disorders. The bill would require the department to convene a workgroup, which would be required, by January 1, 2010, to prepare and submit to the department specified recommendations relating to the implementation of the awareness campaign. It would prohibit public sources of funds from being used to fund the campaign.

The bill would authorize the department to use nonpublic sources of funding to support the activities of the workgroup and fund the campaign. The bill would require that voluntary funds received for the purposes of this bill be deposited into the Community Postpartum Anxiety and Mood Disorders Awareness Campaign Fund, which the bill would create, and would continuously appropriate the moneys in the fund to the department to implement the awareness campaign.

The bill would further provide that if the Department of Finance determines that insufficient voluntary contributions for purposes of implementing these provisions have been deposited with the state by January 1, 2010, the Department of Finance shall notify either the Chief Clerk of the Assembly or the Secretary of the Senate of this fact, in which case these provisions would be repealed on January 1, 2010.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Article 1.6 (commencing with Section 123259)
2 is added to Part 2 of Division 106 of the Health and Safety Code,
3 to read:

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5 Article 1.6. Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders Community
6 Awareness Campaign
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8 123259. The department shall conduct the Perinatal Mood and
9 Anxiety Disorders (PMAD) Community Awareness Campaign to
10 do all of the following:

11 (a) Provide awareness, assistance, and information regarding
12 PMAD using television, print media, radio, Internet Web sites,
13 outdoor advertising, and other media, where appropriate, to
14 disseminate information to pregnant women and new mothers
15 regarding the availability of services and treatment for PMAD,
16 which may include medication, professional therapy and
17 counseling, support groups, and telephone crisis hotlines.

18 (b) Establish an Internet Web site devoted to providing
19 information about the symptoms and treatment of PMAD that is
20 accessible to the general public.

21 (c) Undertake public education activities related to PMAD, as
22 appropriate.

23 123259.1. (a) The department shall convene a workgroup to
24 develop recommendations on the most efficient and effective ways
25 to raise public awareness of the symptoms, warning signs, and
26 treatment of Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders (PMAD). The
27 workgroup shall also be responsible for securing private
28 contributions to fund the campaign. The workgroup may include
29 a survivor of PMAD, and members from all of the following:

- 1 (1) The California Medical Association.
- 2 (2) The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.
- 3 (3) The California Psychiatric Association.
- 4 (4) Postpartum Support International.
- 5 (5) The California Hospital Association.
- 6 (6) The California Psychological Association.
- 7 (7) The California Nurses Association.
- 8 (8) The California Association for Nurse Practitioners.
- 9 (9) The California Nurse Midwives Association.

10 (b) By January 1, 2010, the workgroup shall prepare and submit
11 to the department its recommendations relating to the PMAD
12 campaign.

13 (c) The department may use only nonpublic sources of funding
14 to support the activities of the workgroup and to fund the campaign.
15 Voluntary contributions received for the purposes of this article
16 shall be deposited into the Community Postpartum Anxiety and
17 Mood Disorders Awareness Campaign Fund, which is hereby
18 created in the State Treasury. No state or federal funds may be
19 deposited into the campaign fund. Notwithstanding Section 13340
20 of the Government Code, moneys in the fund are hereby
21 continuously appropriated to the department to implement this
22 article. Notwithstanding Section 16305.7 of the Government Code,
23 any interest earned on moneys in the fund shall be deposited in
24 the fund.

25 123259.2. (a) This article shall be implemented only after the
26 Department of Finance determines that nonstate funds in an amount
27 sufficient to fully support the activities of this article have been
28 deposited with the state. Thereafter, this article shall continue to
29 be implemented only to the extent that the Department of Finance
30 determines that sufficient nonstate funds to fully support the
31 activities of this article have been deposited with the state for
32 purposes of this article.

33 (b) If the Department of Finance determines that insufficient
34 voluntary contributions for purposes of implementing this article
35 have been deposited with the state by January 1, 2010, the
36 Department of Finance shall notify either the Chief Clerk of the
37 Assembly or the Secretary of the Senate of this fact, in which case,
38 upon the making of their notification, this article shall remain in
39 effect only until January 1, 2010, and as of that date is repealed,

- 1 unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1,
- 2 2010, deletes or extends that date.

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